

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, 15, 17-23, 25, 27-33, 35 and 37-44 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action rejects claims 43 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,434,129 (Struhsaker et al.). In response, Applicants have hereby canceled claims 43 and 44.

The Office Action specifies that claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, 15, 17-23, 25, 27-33, 35 and 37-42 are allowed.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowed and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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